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The International Secretariat of OMCT requests your urgent intervention in the following situation in **East Timor**.

Brief description of the situation:

The international Secretariat has been informed by reliable sources of the grave concerns for the physical and psychological integrity of **Joao Guterres** (also known as **Mau-Lana**) (28) whose current whereabouts is unknown.

According to the information received, **Joao Guterres** was arrested by members of Kopassus (Special Forces Command) on 15 May 1997, between Vemasse and Laleia, in the district of Bacau, and was taken to the "Red House" (Kopassus headquarters) in Baucau where he was detained from 16 to 17 May.

The information suggests that **Joao Guterres** may have been arbitrarily arrested and detained. Other prisoners have reported that **Joao Guterres** was taken away to a waiting army helicopter at 5.00pm on 17 May, and flown to an unknown destination.

The International Secretariat expresses its grave concern over the great number of grave violations of Human rights in East Timor (see cases : IDN/TMP 170197, IDN/TMP 290197, IND020597, IDM/TMP050597). The International Secretariat believes that **Joao Guterres** may be at heightened risk of torture and ill-treatment, especially since his condition and whereabouts remains unknown.

Action requested:

Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to:

i immediately locate the whereabouts and guarantee the physical and psychological integrity of **Joao Guterres**

ii order his immediate release in the absence of valid charges or if such charges exist, bring him before a competent and impartial civil tribunal and guarantee their procedural rights at all times;

iii carry out an impartial and thorough investigation into the events identify those responsible and impose upon them the civil, penal and/or administrative sanctions provided by law

iv to ensure in all circumstances the full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national and international standards.

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The Indonesian Embassy in your respective country.

Geneva, 28 May 1997
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